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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is for an original application.

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and/or joint inventors of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPLICING TUBULAR HEATER SECTIONS**

The specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98.

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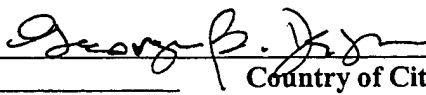
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